Detroit traffic tickets can now be paid online

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Paying for a traffic ticket in Detroit just got easier.

To avoid lines at the 36th District Court or the parking enforcement office on West Lafayette, tickets issued in Detroit can now be paid by phone or online with a MasterCard or Visa credit or debit card.

For those who have lost their ticket, payments can be made at the 36th District Court's Web site, accessible by the driver's name or license number, by license plate, or by the ticket number.

The only other metro Detroit locations allowing you to pay this way are the 38th District Court in Eastpointe and 62nd District Court in Wyoming, according to the website.

Darlene Conyers, 36th District Court spokeswoman, said the move was designed to "improve access to the 36th District Court."

She added that the online payment option was available a couple of years ago and updated with the new state online paying system.

Phone payments will become automated with 24-hour access by 2007, Convers said.

There is no additional fee to pay tickets online or by phone.

To pay for a ticket on the 36th District Court Web site, go to: www.36thdistrictcourt.org, and select the "Pay Tickets Here" link. To pay for a ticket by phone, call 313-965-2200, or for the hearing impaired, 313-965-4158, during normal business hours. Contact NAOMI R. PATTON at npatton@freepress.com.

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